

MODULE 9
OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this module, the trainee, without the aid of references, will be able to:

1. Describe the requirements of the following:
 - a. Chilling of carcasses and parts
 - b. Carcass branding
 - c. Mandatory labeling
 - d. Naming of product
 - e. Use of kind (species) designation preceding the name of the product
2. Describe plant management's responsibility in obtaining brands and label approvals.

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Module 9 Script

Introduction

Inspected and passed carcasses and parts must be chilled and maintained in a sanitary manner. Branding of carcasses is optional, and all labels must meet mandatory labeling requirements.

Chilling

Following final washing, carcasses and parts must be promptly chilled and maintained in a sanitary manner.

Branding

Branding is optional. If carcasses are branded, they must be branded using an approved brand which is at least one inch in diameter. Hot brands or ink (blue) brands may be used.

In lieu of branding, carcasses may be packaged in fully labeled immediate containers such as boxes or plastic bags.

Labeling

When product is packaged, all mandatory labeling features are required.

The shipping container label must contain two features: the **inspection legend** and the **plant number**.

The immediate container label must contain the following features: the **common** or **usual name** of the product; the **inspection legend**; the **plant number**; a **net weight statement**; the

name and address (city, state, and zip code) of the **packer** or **distributor** of the product; an **ingredients statement**, if the product is made from two or more ingredients; a **special handling statement**, if the product is perishable; and **safe handling instructions** for raw product, if required.

Product Name

The label shall show the common or usual name of the product, or, if there is none, a truthful descriptive designation.

At this time, industry-wide standards of identity are under development.

Product Kind

The product name of all ratite products must be preceded by the name of the kind (species) from which it was prepared, i.e., ostrich, emu, or rhea.

Brand and Label Approvals

It is plant management's responsibility to obtain approved brands and labels. The IIC may approve brands. Labels are approved through normal channels.

**Official
Brand**

**Official
Inspection Legend**

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SUPPLEMENT

Complete the following using the script as the reference.

1. Following final washing, carcasses and parts must be _____ chilled and maintained in a sanitary manner.
2. Branding is _____.
3. Hot brands or ink (_____) brands may be used.
4. In lieu of branding, carcasses may be packaged in _____ labeled immediate containers such as boxes or plastic bags.
5. When product is packaged, all _____ labeling features are required.
6. The label shall show the _____ or _____ name of the product, or, if there is none, a truthful _____ designation.
7. The product name of all ratite products must be _____ by the name of the kind (species) from which it was prepared, i.e., ostrich, emu, or rhea.
8. Brands may be approved by the _____.
9. Labels are approved through _____ channels.

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